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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, from 1st to 10th June 1859.*

Read the following papers.

No. 104. Letter from Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Consulting Engineer for Railways; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th May 1859, No. 120.

In reply to the Proceedings of Government Public Works Department, No. 1295 of the 28th Instant, calling for my opinion on the alterations to be made in the arrangement for the lines of Rail on the Madras Pier, and noticed in paras. 3 and 4 of a Despatch from the Home Government, I have the honor to observe that I consider the alterations most judicious. The inconvenience occasioned by a break of guage is so great, that it would have been a mistake to have introduced any other than that of 5'-6", ordered for adoption on all Indian Railways.

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No. 105. Minute by the Honorable the President, dated 1st June 1859.

The advantage in future years from having the same guage in the Madras Railway and on the Madras Pier seem to me, as they do to Captain Johnston, so obvious that I am not disposed to question his opinion.

2. We ought to look forward to the Mails and Passengers from Calcutta to England being placed at once in the Railway Carriages on the Pier, as they are at Holyhead, in order to their being sent across to be re-shipped at Beypoor. If the present line of the Madras Railway was not selected for this purpose, I cannot imagine why it was chosen.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

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No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1859, No. 1380.

Ordered that the letter of the Consulting Engineer recorded above be communicated to the Chief Engineer, and that the Minute of His Excellency the President on the subject be communicated both to the Chief Engineer and to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
*Secretary to Government.*

Railway Department

Consulting Engineer's Office

No. 120.

From

Captain C. C. Johnston
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To

T. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In reply to the Proceedings of Government Public Works Department, No. 1295, of the 28th Instant, calling for my opinion on the alterations to be made in the arrangement for the lines of Rail on the Madras Pier, and noticed in paras: 3 and 4 of a Despatch from the Home Government, I have the honor to observe that I consider the alterations most judicious. The inconvenience occasioned by a break of guage is so great, that it would have been a mistake to have introduced any other than that of 5'-6", ordered for adoption on all Indian Railways.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
[illegible] Captain
Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Madras
30th May 1859

Copied C.V.

[illegible] carriages

depends

P. W. Dept.

No. 1380

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 8th ~~May~~ June 1859

Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways

(Here enter 30th May 1859 No. 120)

Resolved to call the attention of the Consulting Engineer to the fact that the Pier rails are not designed to extend beyond the Custom House, and to ask for his reconsidered opinion. The likelihood of inconvenience from a difference of gauge depends

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Copy sent with letter to England Dy 8th June 1859 No. 20

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Cons 10th June
No. 1403.
From
The Cons. Engr. for Railways.
To
The Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort St. George
Dated 30th May 59
Recd 31st do.

With reference to the Procdgs of Govt. P.W.D. No. 1295 of 28th instant observes that the alterations to be made in the arrangements for the lines of Rails on the Madras Pier referred to in a Despatch from the Home Govt. are [illegible] necessary.

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depends on two ~~[illegible]~~ contingencies;
the extension of the Madras Railway to the Custom House, and the degree of probability that in that event goods would be to a large extent conveyed at once, without leaving the carriages, from the ship ~~to~~ [illegible] the interior of the country or from up country to the ship.

[initials]

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[illegible]

1 June 59

Copies to the
3 Consulting Engineer for Railways Dated 8th
9 Chief Engineer —

[initials]

I cannot doubt the propriety of maintaining the same guage on the Pier as in the Railway. They must eventually be united.

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They never will be united — & if the alter[ation] [illegible] injures the Pier as I believe it does [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 8th June 1859

Read the following papers from the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(Here enter 30th May 1859 No. 120)

Minute by the Honble the President – (Here enter 1st June ———)

Ordered that the letter of the Consulting Engr. recorded above be communicated to the Chief Engr., and that the Minute of His Excellency the President on the subject be communicated both to the Chief Engr. and to the Consulting Engr. for Railways.

[signature]

2 Copies to the Consulting Engr. for Railways. Disp. 8

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No. 1180 A.

Minute by the Honorable the President. Dated 1st June 1859.

On the subject of [illegible] Railways [illegible]

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Dt 7th June 159.

No 104 at 106.

Letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways on the alterations to be made in the arrangement for the lines of Rail on the Madras Rlr, Communicated to the Chief Engr, and the Governor's Minute on the same subject Communicated to the Chief and Consulting Engineers for Railways.